



LIND HASTENS TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Leaves Vera Cruz for Pass Christian--Rumors Circulated That Huerta Has New Proposal--Said That Dictator Intends to Resign Early in the New Year.

WILSON REFUSES TO COMMENT ON ENVOY'S VISIT

Believed, However, That He Doubts Huerta's Intentions and Wants Lind's Personal Views in the Matter--Mexican Cabinet Meets Today--Said Many Have Resigned.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 31.—John Lind left last night for Pass Christian aboard the cruiser Chester where he will confer with President Wilson. He left in response to instructions from the state department.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Dec. 31.—That Lind brings at least a tentative proposal from Huerta is considered certain in the light of developments here. It is understood that in the last six hours Huerta has renewed his offer to retire, but with only a few strings placed on the original offer withdrawn. All information regarding Lind's visit was refused at the president's cottage.

The president himself is sphinx-like. It is the belief of the president's doubts Huerta's good faith in the latest proposal and wants Lind's personal views on the matter. But it is known that the hope of Huerta's elimination as a result of these developments is only faint. The exact hour of Lind's arrival is unknown.

President Wilson didn't consider the new developments sufficient enough to disturb his usual routine. He started after breakfast on the thirteen mile ride to the golf links and covered a nine hole course twice before he thought he had sufficient exercise.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31.—As Huerta's cabinet is prepared to meet late today for the year's last session, there was a persistent rumor that several ministers in important portfolios had tendered their resignations. There are rumors that Huerta intends to resign early in the new year and that a meeting has been called to consider his retirement.

DR. BEST HIMSELF VOTED TO PAY THE BILLS ABOUT WHICH HE RAISLS SO MUCH SAYS JACK IN ANSWER TO ATTACK

Dr. Best's Charges Not Sincere--is Tool for Opposition to Water Project.

Pendleton, Oregon, Dec. 31. Editor East Oregonian:

I notice that Dr. Best is once more doing some strong talking about what he is going to do on the water board and how he is going to "block" the expenditures of the people's money. I have not observed any "reckless" expenditures by that board of which I am a member and no such expenditures are contemplated.

If Dr. Best had any objections to bills that have been paid by the water board, why has he never made such objections at meetings of the board and explained his reasons for objecting. THE RECORDS OF THE WATER BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS SHOW THAT DR. BEST HAS VOTED TO PAY ALL BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN INCURRED AND I KNOW PERSONALLY THAT DR. BEST HAS NEVER ONCE OBJECTED TO A SINGLE BILL WHEN THE TIME CAME TO PAY THE BILLS. THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS SHOW THAT EACH TIME THE BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE. USUALLY DR. BEST HAS RECORDED THE MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS. HE VOTED TO PAY \$175 FOR THAT TEAM BOUGHT OF A. B. COOLEY, ABOUT WHICH HE HAS SPOUNTERED SO MUCH.

At the meeting early in December I fully expected Dr. Best to raise some objections to bills that were passed on then. At that time we paid bills for the month of November, amounting to over \$20,000. Included in this amount were the bills for the services of Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Elliot. Also a bill from Mr. Carter for conducting the condemnation suits for the board.

WHEN THE MOTION TO PAY THESE BILLS WAS MADE DR. BEST RECORDED THAT MOTION. I WAS ASTONISHED AT THIS AND SAID TO DR. BEST: "DO YOU MEAN TO SECOND ALL OF THESE BILLS?" DR. BEST SAID, "YES."

So it will be seen that when Dr. Best had an opportunity to raise any valid objection he might have had to these bills he declined to make any objection whatever.

In view of the fact Dr. Best himself voted for these bills and

self voted for these bills and voted for all the bills that have been paid for the last four or five months, I fail to see how he can hope to bamboozle people into believing that there has been something wrong with those bills. I don't believe Dr. Best has been sincere in the criticisms and charges he has made of the water board. He has allowed himself to be used as a tool by the forces that have been opposed to the gravity water project.

MARION JACK.

PILOT ROCK-UKIAH LINE WILL NOT BE BUILT NEXT YEAR

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Strengthening the rail lines it already operates and making but one provision for new construction work featured the 1914 budget of the O.-W. R. & N. company, forwarded to Chairman Lovett of the Union Pacific system by President Farrell. About five and a half million dollars is asked for from the directors. The new line to be built is a connection between the Portland-Seattle line to Olympia. This line may be constructed the coming year. The Condon-Fossil branch in Oregon, and the line from Pilot Rock to Ukiah will not be constructed this coming year as contemplated.

MISS HOBBS READY TO GO ON SALOON-CLOSING TRIP

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—The method to be used by Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary of Governor West, in closing the Copperfield saloons was not divulged. That she will "be there with the goods" was all the governor would say. She didn't leave today but will go tomorrow, catching a Copperfield train from Huntington on Friday evening.

SULTAN OF TURKEY IS NEAR TO DEATH

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—Mohammed V, sultan of Turkey, suffered a stroke of apoplexy today. The attack left the sultan in a critical condition, his kidneys being seriously affected. He is in his seventieth year and succeeded to the throne in April 1909 when the Young Turks deposed his brother, Abdul Hamid.



Sketch of Young 1914 as He Will Enter Pendleton Tonight. Cartoon by John Dickson, Pendleton

8 PERISH IN TENEMENT FIRE IN NEW YORK; SCORES INJURED

Three Women and Five Men Suffocated When Unable to Escape From Burning Building.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Eight persons, three women and five men, perished early today in a fire of incendiary origin which destroyed a five story brick tenement on the east side. Seven persons were seriously burned and injured. The lives of scores were endangered as the stairways were burned away and the fire escapes blocked when the firemen reached the scene. Only the heroic work of the fire fighters saved their lives. It was impossible for firemen to enter the building. The wildest panic ensued. The terror started when men and women choked the windows and fire escapes. Ladders were hastily put in place and firemen passed men, women and children down from floor to floor until they were safe. All dead were suffocated.

Policeman Murray was the first to discover the fire. He entered the building when the first stairway was a mass of flames. No one in the building knew of the fire until Murray shouted an alarm. Within a short time women and children were shrieking for aid from a dozen windows. Scrambling out on fire escapes, men and women in scant night attire, suffered intensely from the cold. As the flames leaped through the windows their garments were set ablaze. Practically every family in the tenement lost everything they possessed. Few had time to collect even their clothing.

SPECK RADIUM VALUED AT \$4500 HAS DISAPPEARED

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—A speck of radium, weighing 35 milligrams, and worth \$4500, the whole supply of St. Luke's hospital, has mysteriously disappeared from the body of a girl patient undergoing radium treatment for cancer. The police department has been unable to find it. The bit of mineral was placed in a tube an inch long by an eighth of an inch in diameter and bound on the wound on the body of the girl, said to be a member of a wealthy Des Moines family. When a doctor examined the wound Monday, the radium was gone.

PENDING ANTI-TRUST SUITS WILL BE PUSHED TO FINISH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Pending suits of the government against alleged violators of the Sherman law will be pushed to a conclusion in the courts unless new overtures are made by the corporations. No compromise is pending. This idea was expressed by McReynolds in reply to persistent reports that various suits, notably that against the sugar trust, would be terminated by agreement out of court.

SCHMIDT JURY DISCHARGED; FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—After deliberating thirty-six hours, the jury trying the case of Hans Schmidt, the former priest of St. Joseph's church, accused of the murder of Anna Ammiller, reported at 10 o'clock last night that it could not reach an agreement and was discharged.

The foreman of the jury reported to Judge Foster there was no possibility of an agreement being reached the last ballot being exactly the same as the first. Two of the jurors stood out against conviction all the time. Foreman Ottinger said.

After thanking the jury and freeing them from further service in connection with the case, Judge Foster ordered Schmidt remanded to the Tombs.

The ex-priest heard the report of the jury without showing much interest. It was learned that the two jurors who had failed to agree with the other ten were of the opinion that Schmidt was insane when he killed the woman.

HEARING TRANSFERRED BY CORONER, FEARS VIOLENCE

RED JACKET, Mich., Dec. 31.—Coroner Fisher was so afraid of violence at the inquest of victims in the Christmas panic that he transferred the hearing today to his own office. He said he would admit no one but witnesses, jurors and lawyers.

Loan Obtained

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31.—Minister of Finance Le La Loma, recently sent abroad in an effort to raise loans for the Huerta government, cabled from Paris that he has obtained fifty million dollars from French financiers.

General.

Eight persons perished in tenement fire in New York. Sultan of Turkey suffers stroke and condition said to be serious. John Lind hurries from Vera Cruz to Pass Christian to interview President Wilson on Mexican matter. King Alfonso of Spain is said to be critically ill and operation is necessary.

Police Commissioner Waldo of New York is removed from office. Moyer will go to Washington to appear before congress and urge that probe be made into conditions in Michigan copper strike. Speck of radium valued at \$4500 is strangely missing. Pending anti-trust suits of government will be pushed through courts. Federals and rebels locked in desperate battle at Ojinaga. Pilot Rock-Ukiah branch will not be built in coming year by O.-W. R. & N. Miss Hobbs prepares to go to Copperfield to close saloons.

KING ALFONSO SAID TO BE IN A CRITICAL CONDITION

MADRID, Dec. 31.—That King Alfonso is seriously ill has been widely rumored. It has been an open secret for some time he suffered from a malignant tubercular growth in his nose but it was not generally supposed he was in immediate danger. The latest accounts are that it is not thought even safe to wait until April when it was planned to have an operation performed.

MOYER TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESS TO URGE PROBE

DENVER, Dec. 31.—Despite his injuries Moyer will go to Washington to appear personally before congress to urge a federal investigation into the strike conditions in the copper district. International Vice President Hahoney of the Western Federation made this announcement today and said he would go to Washington to assist Moyer when congress convenes on January 12.

Girl Paid As "Laborer."

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—May J. Diamond of Kingston, N. Y., stenographer for William G. Merritt, ex-superintendent of roads in Ulster county, testified at District Attorney Whitman's John Doe inquiry into state highway graft.

HEADS EASTERN OREGON STATE HOSPITAL



Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital since that institution was opened the first of 1913, has made an enviable record thus far. To open such an institution, fill it with patients from

the main hospital at Salem and to get the various departments of the institution into effective working order was no light task. However, this work has been done by Dr. McNary and his staff and done with exceptional thoroughness and economy.

FEDERALS AND REBELS LOCKED IN DEATH HOLD

Battle Wages Fiercely on Both Sides With Constitutionalists Making Steady Advance.

OJINAGA ON VERGE OF FALL

Ammunition Said to Be Low But Realizing That Surrender Means Execution, the Soldiers of Huerta Are Resisting Desperately--Outworks of City Are Captured.

EL PASO, Dec. 31.—Although the fate of Ojinaga is still in doubt, dispatches indicated the town would fall into rebel hands before night. Ammunition is low but the federal garrison is still offering a desperate resistance against overwhelming odds. Advances show the casualties have been heavy, especially on the federal side. The defenders, realizing that to be captured will mean execution, fought fiercely.

All yesterday and last night the rebel forces, numbering 5000, advanced steadily from the direction of Lamula and Mulate, gradually capturing all the outworks erected by the federals and at dark they had drawn a cordon tightly around the three sides of the town.

Federal deserters crossing the Rio Grande during the night said the dead and wounded lay about the little town, many of the wounded having lain without medical attention for 36 hours.

RALPH KOCH DIES AS RESULT OF FALL

Young Man Succumbs to Injuries Early This Morning at St. Anthony's Hospital--Funeral Tomorrow.

Ralph Koch, the young man who fell from the top of the Association building Monday afternoon to the pavement below, succumbed to his injuries this morning about 1:30 at St. Anthony's hospital. He began falling yesterday noon and toward evening it became apparent that he could not live through the night. The terrible shock and concussion, internal injuries and infection made a combination that medical skill could not overcome. He was conscious for awhile yesterday afternoon but the agony of the pain he was suffering caused the physicians to administer opiates again.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, with Rev. C. A. Hodshire officiating. The pallbearers will be Ivan Sturdivant, John Hinderman, Vern Boynton, Chester Gordon, Paul Finnell and Archie Rugg, all close personal friends of the deceased during his high school days.

The deceased young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Koch of this city and had lived here most of his life. He was born in Tekeo, Washington, 13 years ago, but moved to Pendleton a few years later with his parents. He was an only son but had twin sisters a few years younger than himself.

He received his education in the Pendleton schools and was graduated from the high school last spring. He had entered the employ of John Vaughan, local electrician, to learn the trade and it was while thus employed that he met his death.

As a high school student, he was universally popular among his fellow students and his clean personal habits and industry won him a widespread respect. His tragic death has cast a sadness over the whole city and deep sympathy is felt for his bereaved parents and sisters.

POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK CITY REMOVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Following the refusal of Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo to reappoint Douglas McKay as deputy commissioner, and his demand that his resignation be accepted forthwith, Mayor Kline removed Waldo. McKay was named acting police commissioner.

Here's one more thing to be thankful for: This is the closed season for picnics.